

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request to cancel claims 1-26. Claims 27-54 are pending in the application. Support for new claims 27-54 are provided in the originally-filed specification on at least pages 10-13 and in Figs. 3B through 3G. No new matter has been added, and applicants submit that the application as amended is entitled to the original filing date of December 13, 2003.

CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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